

pono," which translates to, "The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness."

Native Hawaiians, like American Indians and Alaska Natives, have an inherent sovereignty based on their status as indigenous aboriginal people. I ask for your support of the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act.

Mahalo nui loa. (Thank you very much).

CAROL ANNE BEAVER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BARTON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my dear sweet sister-in-law, Carol Anne Beaver, went to be with her Lord on Saturday, March 26, 2011. She passed away in her home near Lockhart, Texas, following a long and valiant battle with cancer. She is the first of four daughters of James Brasher and Betty Hodges. She was born on December 19, 1955, in Pasadena, Texas.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her loving husband of 7 years, Jeff Beaver; three sons, Michael, Dustin, and Layton Warmack; Layton's wife, Holly; two granddaughters, Kelsie Anne Warmack and Maddy Ruiz; one grandson, Layton Warmack; three sisters, Vicki Perdue, Barbara Payne, and my wife, Terri Barton. She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, her stepfather, Steven Hodges, two brothers-in-law, two stepdaughters, and of course her husband's family.

She began her business career in Houston, Texas, as a bookkeeper for Brinadd Company, a multinational workover and completion fluids company that was owned by her late stepfather, James Jackson. While with Brinadd Company, she gained an early knowledge of computerized accounting systems when she worked closely with the programmer to convert a handwritten system into a computerized one.

She moved to Lockhart, Texas, in Congressman LLOYD DOGGETT's district in Caldwell County, in 1988. She worked several years as a secretary and bookkeeper at a local law office. She subsequently returned to the accounting field, first working for Lifeway, then Columbia Health Care, and finally went to work for Austin's municipal transit system, Capital Metro System. She retired from Cap-Metro, when she came down with cancer, as the payroll manager for the entire system.

Carol was a very loving, caring woman. She had a ready smile, a twinkle in her eye. She treasured her husband, her family and many, many friends.

When I started dating her baby sister, Terri, she was, as she should be, very skeptical of whom she called Congressman JOE. She wasn't sure that her baby sister should be associated with anybody that was a Member of Con-

gress. I would have to say, though, that when I invited Carol, her mother and two sisters and Terri to the local Dairy Queen in Lockhart, Texas, I was able to at least neutralize their opposition with some ice cream sundaes and some Barton-backer T-shirts. Carol and I became fast friends, and she came to respect not only me but this institution.

She is going to be missed. She was the absolute most courageous, dedicated human being in fighting her long battle with cancer. She never complained. She never grumbled or whined about "Why me, Lord?" She took her battle with cancer in stride. She is now with her Lord in a better place. We will miss her very, very much, but we know that one day we will see her again.

Her funeral will be tomorrow in Lockhart, Texas, at 1 o'clock. Visitation is this evening from 5 to 8 p.m. at the McCurdy Funeral Home in Lockhart, Texas.

Sweet, sweet, Carol, we miss you very much.

GERALDINE FERRARO

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember the late Geraldine Ferraro. There will be services held for her tomorrow in New York, which many of us will be attending.

It was the night of July 19, 1984, in San Francisco that Geraldine Ferraro changed the game, changed the rules, and changed history when she accepted the Democratic Party's nomination as Vice President of the United States of America.

I was there on the floor that night as a young delegate, and when Geraldine Ferraro walked out on that stage it was electrifying and inspiring beyond words. What her nomination meant to me and to millions of women everywhere, what she accomplished in that moment and what she said that night was all so important that her words still ring in my ear as if it were yesterday.

She said, "By choosing a woman to run for our Nation's second highest office, you send a powerful signal to all Americans. There are no doors we cannot unlock. We will place no limits on achievement. If we can do this, we can do anything."

That moment served as a hammer blow to the glass ceiling and a clarion call for a greater gender equality in our country.

I remember reading Time Magazine, and Time Magazine heralded her selection as "A Historic Choice." But even more than that, it was a life-changing event. It changed the course of women's lives for the better. I know beyond question that it changed mine.

Because even in that not too distant era, it had been all too commonplace for those in power to believe that: She simply cannot do that. She is a woman.

It didn't matter if you had the talents, the education, the abilities and the drive to be the best one to get the job done if it was a job that many believed women simply could not do. That was the kind of thinking that was all too often applied to roles in politics, to career choices, and to sports. And Geraldine Ferraro changed all of that.

When she gained admission to Fordham Law School, an admissions officer said to her: You're taking a man's place, you know. You really should not go to law school.

Geraldine Ferraro knew a woman's place was in the House, the Senate, or any job she wanted to take. When she first ran for Congress in 1978, all the political experts said she could not win in her home district in Queens. She not only won; she went on to become a leader here in Congress, and she went on to become a friend, a mentor, and a role model.

That is one of the reasons that, to honor her, I have redoubled my efforts to pass the Equal Rights Amendment and to add to our Constitution the simple words: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States on or by any State on account of sex." Those words embody the principles that Geraldine Ferraro lived by and the equality of opportunity that she sought.

I saw her several weeks ago. She was full of energy and plans and had some constituent issues she wanted me to take care of. She never gave up. She never gave in.

Towards the end, Geraldine Ferraro fought her own battle against cancer with the same dignity, courage, tenacity, and grace that she brought to all of her fights, whether it was battling for equal rights or for human rights, for women and men alike.

It can truly be said of Geraldine Ferraro, this heroin and role model for the ages, what was once said of the great heroes of old. She was, as Tennyson wrote, "One equal temper of heroic hearts, made weak by time and fate, but strong in will, to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

Geraldine Ferraro. We shall never forget her. And I remember one of her great sayings was, "Every time a woman runs, women win."

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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE DEBATE OVER DEFUNDING PLANNED PARENTHOOD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, abortion on demand is an American tragedy, but public funding for abortion and abortion providers is an American disgrace. Fortunately, we have never been closer to denying public funding to abortion providers in America than we are today.

On February 18, 2011, with bipartisan support, the House of Representatives